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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

In re:
PG&E CORPORATION,

- and -

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,

Debtors

- ☐ Affects PG&E Corporation
☐ Affects Pacific Gas and Electric Company
☒ Affects both Debtors

** All papers shall be filed in the Lead Case, No. 19-30088 (DM).*

Bankruptcy Case No. 19-30088 (DM)

Chapter 11

(Lead Case) (Jointly Administered)

**ORDER PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 327(e),
FED. R. BANKR. P. 2014(a) AND 2016,
AND THE ORDER AUTHORIZING THE
DEBTORS TO EMPLOY
PROFESSIONALS USED IN THE
ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS FOR
AUTHORITY TO RETAIN AND EMPLOY
COVINGTON & BURLING LLP AS
SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTORS
EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2020**

1 Upon the Application, dated March 24, 2020 (the “**Application**”),¹ of PG&E Corporation
2 (“PG&E Corp.”) and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the “**Utility**”), as debtors and debtors in
3 possession (collectively, “**PG&E**” or the “**Debtors**”) in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the
4 “**Chapter 11 Cases**”), pursuant to sections 327(e) of title 11 of the United States Code (the
5 “**Bankruptcy Code**”) and Rules 2014(a) and 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the
6 “**Bankruptcy Rules**”), for authority to retain and employ Covington & Burling LLP (“**Covington**” or
7 the “**Firm**”) as special counsel for certain matters for the Debtors effective as of January 1, 2020, all as
8 more fully set forth in the Application; and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Application and
9 the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and the Order Referring Bankruptcy
10 Cases and Proceedings to Bankruptcy Judges, General Order 24 and Rule 5011-1(a) of the Bankruptcy
11 Local Rules for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California (the
12 “**Bankruptcy Local Rules**”); and consideration of the Application and the requested relief being a core
13 proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28
14 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Application having been provided to the
15 parties listed therein, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and this Court
16 having reviewed the Application, the Goodwin Declaration, the Prior Goodwin Declaration, and the
17 Loduca Declaration; and the Court having reviewed the Firm’s conflict review process and disclosures
18 and finding them adequate and appropriate under the circumstances; and upon the record of all of the
19 proceedings had before the Court; and this Court having found and determined that the relief sought in
20 the Application is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, creditors, shareholders, and all parties
21 in interest; and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application establish just case for the
22 relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

23 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 24 1. The Application is granted as provided herein.
- 25 2. The Debtors are authorized, pursuant to section 327(e) of the Bankruptcy Code and
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27 ¹ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise herein defined shall have the meanings ascribed to such
28 terms in the Motion.

1 Bankruptcy Rules 2014(a) and 2016, to retain and employ Covington as special counsel under the terms
2 and conditions set forth in the Application and the Goodwin Declaration, which are appropriate under the
3 circumstances of these Chapter 11 cases, effective *nunc pro tunc* to January 1, 2020.

4 3. The Debtors are authorized to continue to employ Covington in connections with
5 the Specific Matters as set forth in the Application and the Goodwin Declaration, which are appropriate
6 under the circumstances of these Chapter 11 cases, and to engage Covington as special counsel in
7 connection therewith under section 327(e) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2014(a) and
8 2016.

9 4. Prior to the filing of the Application, Covington has not been compensated pursuant
10 to the OCP Order. As set forth in the Goodwin Declaration, for all fees and additional expenses incurred
11 after January 1, 2020, Covington shall be compensated in accordance with, and will file, interim and final
12 fee applications for allowance of its compensation and expenses and shall be subject to sections 330 and
13 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Bankruptcy Local Rules, the Fee Guidelines, the
14 Interim Compensation Procedures Order, and any further order of the Court.

15 5. Covington shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses as provided
16 by the Fee Guidelines.

17 6. Fees paid, and expenses reimbursed prior to entry of this Order under the OCP
18 Order shall not be subject to this Order.

19 7. Covington shall use reasonable efforts to avoid any duplication of services provided
20 by any of the Debtors' other retained professionals in these Chapter 11 Cases.

21 8. Notice of the Application as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient
22 notice of the Application.

23 9. As set forth in the Goodwin Declaration, Covington's 2020 rates are subject to
24 customary rate adjustment to be negotiated and agreed to by the Debtors and Covington in a manner
25 consistent with past practice. Covington shall provide notice to the U.S. Trustee in the event that
26 Covington's 2020 rates increase and are agreed by Covington and the Debtors.

27 10. To the extent the Application is inconsistent with this Order, the terms of this Order
28 shall govern.

1 11. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to bear and determine all matters arising from
2 or related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Order.

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4 **END OF ORDER**
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